## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(iii))

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## **APPENDIX**

Changes to Specification:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended paragraph:

[0001] The disclosure of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-113323 filed on April 14, 2001 2000, including the specification, drawings and abstract, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.